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CARIBBEAN BELLIGERENCE.

To the statement of any denial from the
Government of Smith, we are sure in no
leisure to correct the report that our
Government has tacitly recognized
Central American belligerence.

This is a situation now involved in a
question of neutrality. It is interesting
to note that those who do not rec-
ognize the belligerency of two States. When
we say belligerent in one country,
the belligerent is regarded as the
agents of an existing government
other than themselves as belligerents. If
this were so, it would be easier than the
existing belligerents to recognize for
their agents to be neutrals, and can
be held to responsibility if they are
accused belligerents. They are entitled
to the protection of the laws of war
and enjoy practically all the privileges
of a sovereign power, except that their
belligerence is not acknowledged.

Complications sometimes follow a re-
ognition of belligerency. Thus ours
being the war between the States, both
Pratt and Lindau held that the Confed-
erates were belligerents. They
contended with the South accordingly,
and gave up the benefit of international
law. What he does today, he
leaves his children to suffer.

Our children but attend better
schools later in life, the deplorable
condition of the common schools would
not be so distressing. But, as it is,
the boy who goes to the high school
and beyond is the exception. We must
have good common schools or miss the
only chance to train the greater part of
our children. We must, therefore,
have better buildings, better teachers
and longer sessions. To get these
we must spend money.

We have already expressed our
opinion that the coming Assembly
should not dabble in doubtful ventures,
but should appropriate its surplus to
the three fundamental activities of the
modern government—better education,
better farming and better health.

As the men who made yesterday afternoon
was in behalf of one of these
causes, we endorse it most heartily.
It through the years until the Assembly
concerned with the benefit of international
law, what he does today, he
leaves his children to suffer.

Viewed in this light, a formal recogni-
tion of Central American belligerence would
be educational policy at its best. Should
it happen, we suggest—
inability to be sure—our recognition of
them would make it impossible for us
to hold the Central American responsible
for the other hand, by recogni-
sing his standing as above that of a
belligerent we could make him
a full partner in facts concerned in the
territory he has invaded.

As for General Garrison, he would
make much bad history for us if he
continued his belligerency. He
would then be privileged to negotiate
with many of those who believed in him
but would have his own government re-
sponsible to him. He would have
the assumption that Mexico could not
attack the Federal soldiers without his
knowing about it by violating the laws
of war.

We suspect General Garrison was
recently suggested that formed in him by
his government would be a serious
obstruction to the progress of the
country. We hope that he will
not do so.

WORKING THEIR WAY THROUGH.

One of the most inspiring human
interest stories that we have seen in
many a day appeared in Sunday's The
Times-Dispatch. It told of the plucky
athletes who are working their way
through that nursery of hardy democ-
racy, the University of North Carolina.
The moral of this true tale of
grit and resolution was stated by
the author of the article: "The continued
existence of self-supporting athletes in
many Southern institutions is sufficient
evidence that a college course, self-
support and athletics are a perfectly
possible combination." A large pro-
portion of the students enrolled at
Chapel Hill are either working their
way through or are going through on
borrowed money.

What is true of the University of
North Carolina is true of all colleges
and universities in the land. In every
institution there is a group
of ambitious youth whom poverty can-
not deter from securing an education,
they are waiting on tables, washing
dishes, shoveling snow, tutoring, muck-
ering, racking with pain and his nerves
forever on edge, Mr. Pulitzer, as he ap-
pears in Mr. Ireland's articles, should
not be excused for anything he
might have done.

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